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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information, which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the next Office Action on the merits. A copy of the foreign patent document and its English abstract are enclosed herewith.

The document listed was cited for obviousness in an Office Action dated August 4, 2009 for corresponding Japanese Application No. 2003-185447.

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Each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. Therefore, no official fees should be due, and this IDS should be considered on the merits.

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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